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ILLEGAL ALIEN INDICTED FOR DISTRIBUTING METH, ILLEGALLY POSSESSING FIREARM

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Mexican national was indicted by a federal grand jury today for distributing methamphetamine and illegally possessing a firearm.

Ruben Osuna-Estrada, 23, a Mexican national, was charged in a six-count indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Kansas City.

Counts One, Two and Four of the federal indictment allege that **Osuna-Estrada** distributed methamphetamine on Dec. 8, Dec. 13, Dec. 10, 2004, respectively.

Count Three of the federal indictment alleges that **Osuna-Estrada** possessed with intent to distribute methamphetamine on Dec. 14, 2004.

Count Five of the federal indictment alleges that **Osuna-Estrada** illegally possessed a firearm on Dec. 14, 2004. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for any illegal alien to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition. The indictment alleges that **Osuna-Estrada** is an illegal alien from Mexico and that he was in possession of a .25-caliber Excam pistol.

Count Six of the federal indictment alleges that **Osuna-Estrada** was a drug user in possession of a firearm on Dec. 14, 2004. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for any user or addict of a controlled substance to be in possession of a firearm. The indictment alleges that **Osuna-Estrada** was a user of methamphetamine at the time he was in possession of a .25-caliber Excam pistol.

Graves cautioned that the charges contained in the indictment are simply accusations, and not evidence of guilt. Evidence supporting the charges must be presented to a federal trial jury, whose duty is to determine guilt or innocence.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Bruce Rhoades. It was investigated by the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department and the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

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